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Dear Allison,

Thank you for your good letter received some time ago. I was glad of all the news you gave of yourself and your family. I am sorry you lost your wife. It is always so hard for a man to get on and keep a home as well as bringing up the children properly, much harder than for a woman alone, I think. It is true that children need the influence of both a father and a mother, especially until they are in their late teens.

Miss Walker spoke well of your daughter whom she had only just met a few times. May she be a credit to you.

I wonder if this dreadful war has affected you in any way save to bring up prices and make it impossible to obtain many things. Here there are a great many articles that are absolutely not to be found. Still I and my friends are not suffering. Just this last week at this house where I am living there are eighteen retired missionaries and each of us has been given our ration of sugar for the week, a small glass

containing half a cup. I think it will be just enough for me to put in my coffee and sprinkle on my porridge.

As you doubtless know, the American people have just elected their president for another four years, but it is the same Franklin D. Roosevelt that has been in power for the past twelve years. I cast my vote for the first time for a president, and very excited I was, too.

Among the questions on my ballot were three about wines and other alcoholic liquors. Although I voted NO on all three I fear it was in vain as even in this country liquor dealers work with all their might to make people buy & drink. Don't you as a leader sometimes feel that people in general are very foolish in demanding what they want instead of insisting on getting and doing what is good for them?

Christians are always in the minority, but there is nothing but Christ and his spirit that will save the world. It is up to us to do our part as grains of salt to savour the whole.

This letter leaves me in good health and cheerfulness of spirit. I trust it will find you and keep you healthy & hopeful.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline E. Frost.

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